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SUBJECT: AUTO STANDARDS DISCUSSIONS

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1. PLANS FOR CONSULTATIONS BASED ON UNDERSTANDING REACHED DURING LAST YEAR'S TALKS THAT SECOND ROUND WOULD BE HELD IN SPRING, 1977 WERE ALREADY WELL ALONG WHEN REF A ARRIVED. WE WERE THUS UNABLE TO TAKE EMBASSY'S POINTS FULLY INTO ACCOUNT.

2. ON DOM, THERE APPEARS TO BE AN UNBRIDGABLE GULF BETWEEN DOT AND MVMA DUE TO REFUSAL OF ONE MEMBER OF MVMA (WHO DOES NOT EXPORT TO JAPAN) TO INCUR EXPENSE OF AFIXING "EXPORT PLATE" AND DOT'S POSITION THAT ALL
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EXPORT VEHICLES MUST BE INCLUDED IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN "SAFETY RATIONALE" FOR REGULATION REQUIRING "EXPORT PLATE". THUS, DOM, WHICH WE HAD AT FIRST THOUGHT WOULD BE EASIEST PROBLEM TO SOLVE HAS BECOME A ROADBLOCK. IN ORDER TO MAKE PROGRESS ON OTHER ISSUES, WE MUST ELIMINATE RESOLUTION OF DOM AS PRECONDITION TO FURTHER CONSULTATIONS.

3. INVITATION REQUESTED REF A INCLUDED IN TALKING POINT
IN REF. B. IF INVITATION IS NOT EXTENDED BY STR STRAUSS,
EMBASSY AUTHORIZED TO DO SO.

4. STRONG VIEWS OF MVMA AND PRECEDENT SET IN LAST SET
OF TECHNICAL TALKS MADE IT NECESSARY TO INCLUDE THEM IN
US DEL. WE WILL DO WHAT WE CAN TO RESTRAIN ANY
TENDENCY TO "TAKE OVER".
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